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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Washington, DC, May 4, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PHIL GINGREY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Reverend M. Susan Peterson, Senior Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, offered the following prayer:

God of grace, healer of the nations and source of all that is generous and good, we call You by many names, yet we seek the same hope. We travel on different pathways but long for the same promise of peace. Help us to discover within the great variety of Your people a common purpose to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly on earth. Grant our elected leaders the wisdom and courage to stand for what is life-giving. And in full measure, support them in work both tedious and challenging to seek the well-being of all people.

Help each of us to overcome the barriers that separate us one from another, to advocate for those who have

no voice, and to allow the freedom we know in this great land to move us to act with concern and compassion on behalf of others. May Your wisdom prevail in this place, and Your blessing rest on all who serve here. Together, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND M. SUSAN PETERSON

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our guest chaplain, Reverend Susan Peterson of St. Paul, Minnesota. I often tell students when they come to the Capitol that the first

official act of the Continental Congress was to appoint a chaplain. The second thing they did was they prayed. They prayed for an hour and a half. We have long understood the importance of faith in our society.

Reverend Peterson is the senior pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul. She was the first woman in the ELCA to be called as a senior pastor to a large Lutheran congregation. A proud Minnesota native, she attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota; Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois; the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia; and in 1985, she and her family moved to St. Paul where she was called to the position of associate pastor at Gloria Dei.

Susan has served in a variety of leadership positions for the St. Paul Area Synod, as well as a number of other church-related institutions.

I thank the Reverend Peterson for her service as guest Chaplain for the United States House of Representatives.

### EMPLOYEE PENSION PRESER- VATION AND TAXPAYER PROTEC- TION ACT

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the American taxpayer through the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, has already assumed nearly \$10 billion in unfunded pension liabilities from

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